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To: Order File (Order No. 15-14-04)

From: David R. Myers, Forest Supervisor, Shasta-Trinity National Forest

I am implementing a Forest Order to close the River Complex Fire Area and all trails and roads within the Area, on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b).

The Order prohibits or being upon the following:

- 1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the River Fire Complex Closure Area. The River Fire Complex Closure Area boundary begins at the Shasta Trinity Forest Boundary (Township 6 North, Range 6 East, Section 34, Humboldt Meridian) and then continues north along the Forest boundary to its intersection with the Devil's Backbone trail (Forest Trail No. 12W02), and then continues to follow 12W02 north to Salmon Summit (Township 9 North, Range 7 East, Section 17, mount Diablo Meridian) and then continues southeast along 12W02 until it intersects with 12W09, and then south along Limestone Ridge along Trail 12W09 to its intersection with the Morrison Gulch Trail (Forest Trail No. 11W04), and then continues southeast along Trail 11W04 to its intersection with the North Fork Trail (Forest Trail No. 12W01), and then continues south along Trail 12W01 to its intersection with the Hobo Gulch Campground, and then continues south along the North Fork of the Trinity River (Township 35 North, Range 11 West, Section 6, Mount Diablo Meridian) to its intersection with Hwy 299 and the Trinity River (Township 34 North, Range 11 West, Section 28, Mount Diablo Meridian), and then continues west along Hwy 299 back to the starting point, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52 (e).
- 2. Being on any National Forest System road within the River Fire Complex Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the River Fire Complex Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

 Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.



2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order is effective from August 6, 2015, until the River Complex is declared out.

The purpose of this closure is to reduce the risk to the public and firefighting personnel on National Forest System land within the River Complex Fire Area. The area is unsafe for public entry due to the River Complex wildfire, which is active within this area. Assessment factors include review of weather, fuel conditions, large fire behavior potential as well as fire suppression strategy and tactics.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

## ORDER NO. 15-14-04 FIRE CLOSURE SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 55 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. This Order is effective from August 6, 2015 until the River Fire Complex is declared out.

- 1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the River Fire Complex Closure Area. The River Fire Complex Closure Area boundary begins at the intersection of the Shasta Trinity Forest boundary (Township 6 North, Range 6 East, Section 34, Humboldt Meridian) and Highway 299, then continues north along the Forest boundary to its intersection with the Devil's Backbone Trail (Forest Trail No. 12W02), then continues north along Forest Trail No. 12W02 to its intersection with Salmon Summit (Township 9 North, Range 7 East, Section 17, Mount Diablo Meridian), then continues southeast along Forest Trail No. 12W02 to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 12W09, then continues south along Limestone Ridge Trail (Forest Trail No. 12W09) to its intersection with the Morrison Gulch Trail (Forest Trail No. 11W04), then continues southeast along Forest Trail No. 11W04 to its intersection with the North Fork Trail (Forest Trail No. 12W01), then continues south along Forest Trail No. 12W01 to its intersection with the Hobo Gulch Campground, then continues south along the North Fork of the Trinity River (Township 35 North, Range 11 West, Section 6, Mount Diablo Meridian) to its intersection with Highway 299 and the Trinity River (Township 34 North, Range 11 West, Section 28, Mount Diablo Meridian), then continues west along Highway 299 back to the starting point, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(e).
- 2. Being on any National Forest System road within the River Fire Complex Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the River Fire Complex Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

Done at Redding, California, this 5th day of August, 2015.

David R. Myers
Forest Supervisor

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

